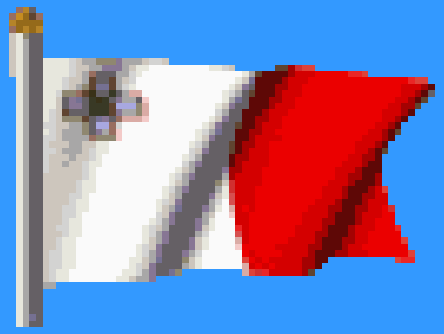
TRAVELER'S BRIEFING



MALTA

(Repubblika ta'Malta)

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BACKGROUND

Full Name: Republic of Malta

Capital: Valletta

Population: 381,603 (est)

Type of government: Parliamentary dem

Head of government: PM Eddie Adami

Official language(s) Maltese, English

Economy: Capitalist

Religions: Roman Catholic (98%)

TRAVEL

Travel restrictions: None

International Airport: Valletta

Flights from Frankfurt: Air Malta

Other methods of arrival: Ship

U.S. Embassy address: Third Floor of Development House, St. Anne Street, Floriana, Valletta Tel: 356-235960 FAX: 356-

Transportation: Public transportation: Good.

Urban Roads/Maintenance: Fair.

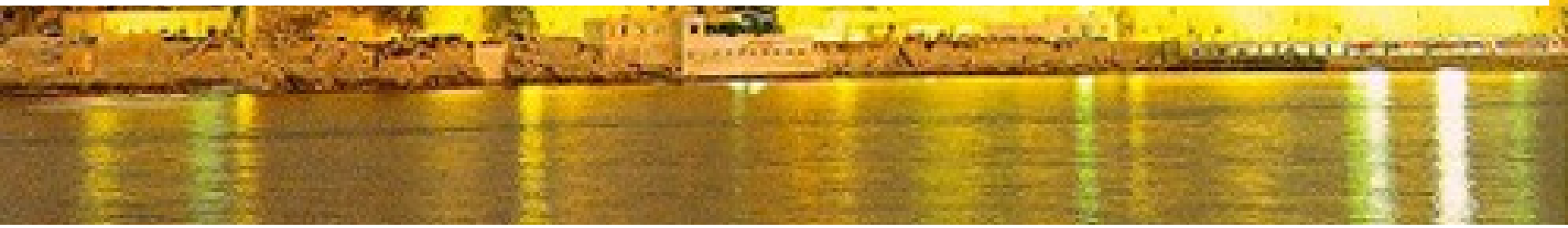
Rural roads/Maintenance: Poor.

Availability of roadside assistance: Good. Buses are the primary means of public transportation, but they are rather old and uncomfortable and are not equipped for the heat of summer. Taxis are safe but expensive.

ENTRY/EXIT

Travel Necessities: Passports are required. For official travel, a no-fee passport is required. US military personnel who possess a valid US military ID card are exempt from passport requirement. A visa, valid for three months, is issued upon arrival in Malta. Visa may be extended. Military personnel on leave require ID card and leave orders. Civilian personnel (including dependents) require passports. A visa, valid for three months, is issued upon arrival in Malta. Visas may be extended.

Customs, immigration, and quarantine inspection is required.



Duty-free entry for personal effects: clothes, camera and film, jewelry, portable typewriter, cigarette lighter, electric razor, record player and records, and 25 cigarettes per day or

HELPFUL HINTS

Special restrictions: Malta is a small, developed, democratic Mediterranean island nation, positioned as a cultural and political stepping-stone between Europe and North Africa. Tourist facilities of all categories are widely available.

Amembassy operating hours are 0800-1630L Mon-Fri.

MONEY

Currency restrictions: There are no currency restrictions on foreign currency imports. Exports are limited to the amount imported. Fifty Malta pounds in local currency may be imported and 25 Malta pounds exported. Exchange currency thru banks or travel agent.

Rate: Approximate: .42 Maltese lire for $1.

HEALTH

Major threats: diarrhea, respiratory diseases, accidents, arthropod-borne diseases, STDs, heat injuries and industrial pollution.

Availability of medical services: Adequate medical care is readily available.

Medical Insurance: May not apply in Malta. Check with your policy advisor to see if you are covered or will be reimbursed.

Status of hospitals: Good

Health Precautions: None

Immunizations: Hep A (recommended), Hep B, typhoid, influenza, MMR, and TD.

FORCE PROTECTION

Country Clearance is needed for high-ranking officers traveling to Cyprus. You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of scheduled visit. DV visits will also be coordinated through

Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer

Traffic flows on the left. This takes some adjustment for visitors from right-hand drive countries such as the United States. Additionally, visitors should exercise extreme caution, as drivers may be erratic. Roads flood easily, and they are often narrow, winding, and congested, with poor visibility around curves. Traffic arteries are prone to bottlenecks and serious accidents, often due to drivers' inexperience in merging or due to excessive speed.

CRIME

Criminal Activities: Malta has a low rate of violent crime. Incidents of pickpocketing and purse-snatching are relatively rare; however, break-ins and thefts from parked vehicles and thefts of cars are on the increase. The loss or theft abroad of a U.S. passport should be reported immediately to the local police and the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Malta is strict on: Drugs. Penalties for possession, use, or trafficking in illegal drugs in Malta are strict and convicted offenders can expect jail sentences and heavy fines.

WEATHER

http://cnn.com/WEATHER/html

Http://www.weatherunderground.com/

CLOTHING

Uniform restrictions: Uniform is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the US Ambassador.

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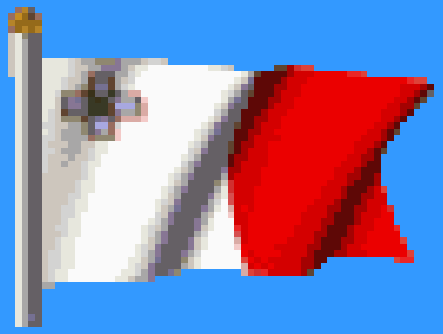

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